

# Provost Notes

Georgia College & State University

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## USG Goes Global

Recently, the USG announced a change to its European Council (EC) study abroad program. Rebranded as “USG Goes Global,” the program is centralizing EC operations diffused across system campuses and offices with the goals of: 1) Permitting more USG institutions– especially smaller schools that may not have Study Abroad offices – to participate; 2) Lowering costs to students and; 3) Providing equity across the system with regard to participating faculty salaries. Additionally, the program has been designed to be a training ground for junior faculty wishing to become involved with study abroad.

Through the efforts of its faculty, deans and schools, Georgia College already– and unlike many other participants - boasts an enviable, sophisticated and mature program of popular and successful faculty-led study abroad offerings. Under the new structure, Georgia College students will benefit from reduced tuition costs across the spectrum of EC offerings, as will junior faculty members seeking to gain experience with overseas programming and complicated operational details before creating and leading their own GC programs. Georgia College’s Office of the Provost and International Education Center are providing funds to support GC faculty whose Summer 2020 EC participation might be impacted by any in-stream changes to the European Council structure.

More information can be found here: [USG Goes Global](#)

## Congratulations!

**Amy Pinney, PhD, Theatre and Dance** was nominated for the Dunn Award. This COPLAC award recognizes a faculty member whose commitment to student success goes “above and beyond” the classroom and beyond the traditional roles of teacher, academic advisor, and mentor.

**Sandy Baxter, Executive Director of Communities in Schools**, *Sanford Harmony Pilot Program Continuation Funding*, CIS-GA, \$7,500.

CIS will continue the Sanford Harmony, a social-emotional teaching program that cultivates strong classroom relationships between all students. The program has identified practical strategies, stories, activities, and lessons for improving relationships, teaching empathy, increasing student confidence and reducing bullying.

## GC Journeys Mini-Grants

A number of \$100-\$500 mini-grants are now available for individuals who want to offer a *Transformative Experience* either as part of a course or to individuals or small groups outside of a course context. The amount of funding will vary based on the number of students impacted. The purpose is to support the work, including materials, etc. needed to get the *Transformative Experience* off the ground. *Transformative Experiences* at Georgia College include:

- Study Abroad
- Internships
- Intensive Leadership Experiences
- Mentored undergraduate research
- Community-based Learning

For more information, please contact **GC Journeys** at [journeys@gcsu.edu](mailto:journeys@gcsu.edu) for application forms. Assistance with the design process will be provided.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Save the Date!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Celebration of Excellence</i>  April 19, 2019  9:00am  Russell Auditorium</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Faculty Scholarship Celebration</i>  April 25, 2019  4:00-6:00pm  Pat Peterson Museum Education Room</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tenure &amp; Promotion Workshop</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 10, 2019  University Banquet Room Side A  2:00-4:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Peabody Ribbon Cutting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, April 3, 2019  11:00 am</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Graduate Research Grant Recipients</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Destiny Cornelison, English</b>  <i>A Love Story: Myrtle Wilson in Fitzgerald's <u>The Great Gatsby</u></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Michael Faulknor, English</b>  <i>Leaving Bullets at the Door: Placement of Power in Lynn Nottage's <u>Ruined</u></i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Katherine Johnson, Biology</b>  <i>Diatom Voucher Flora and the Comparison of Collection Methods for Southeastern Tributary Upper Three Runs Creek</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kori Ogletree, Biology</b>  <i>Identifying Roadkill Hotspots Using a Running Average</i></p> <p><b>Drew Pittman, Health &amp; Human Performance</b>  <i>Promoting Global Health Awareness Through Community-Based Health Screenings in Belize</i></p> <p><b>Samantha Steuer, Health &amp; Human Performance</b>  <i>Promoting Global Health Awareness Through Community-Based Health Screenings in Belize</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lindsey Poe, English</b>  <i>The Comics Get Medieval 2018: A Continuing Celebration of Medieval-Themed Comics</i>  and  <i>Who's Going to Save Us Now?: A Critical Look at the Rise of the Superhero Genre in Film Following 9/11 Terrorist Attacks</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BOR Policy Updates as of February 12, 2019</b></p> <p>See the following sections for complete updates:</p> <p><b>6.26 Application for Discretionary Review</b>  Any University System of Georgia (USG) student or employee aggrieved by a final decision of USG institution may apply to the University System Office of Legal Affairs USO Legal Affairs for a review of the decision subject to the parameters set forth below. Review of the decision is not a matter of right, but is within the sound discretion of USO Legal Affairs. USO Legal Affairs may issue guidelines governing the process for review.</p> <p>Applications from USG students are permitted for final institution decisions other than decisions on admissions (including program admissions), residency, student grades, and traffic citations, as the final decision on those matters rests with the President of the institution at which the appeal is heard. Applications from USG employees are limited to instances in which an employee is terminated, demoted, or otherwise disciplined in a manner that results in a loss of pay. Notwithstanding the foregoing, an application may be reviewed if (1) the record suggests that a miscarriage of justice might reasonably occur if the application is not reviewed; or, (2) the record suggests that the institutional decision, if not reviewed, might reasonably have detrimental and system-wide significance.</p> <p>Each application for review shall be submitted in writing to USO Legal Affairs within 20 calendar days following the final institution decision. USO Legal Affairs may, in its discretion, deny the application for review or refer the application a Committee composed of the following USO administrators or a designee of each administrator: the chief legal officer, who shall serve as the Chair of the Committee; the chief academic officer; the chief operating officer; the chief human resources officer; the chief student affairs officer; and any other person or persons deemed appropriate by the Committee. Upon referral, the Committee shall review the application and take any action that it deems appropriate.</p> <p>The decisions of the USO Legal Affairs and the Committee shall be final and binding for all purposes. There shall be no recourse to the Chancellor or the Board of Regents from such decision; provided, however, that the Board of Regents' Committee on Organization and Law retains the authority to make an exception to this policy in its discretion. USO Legal Affairs shall periodically report to the Committee on Organization and Law regarding applications for discretionary review filed and their dispositions.</p> <p>Nothing in this policy shall be construed to extend to any party substantive or procedural rights not required by federal or state law or any expectation of employment, admission, or additional due process rights. This policy is not part of due process rights afforded to students or employees of the University System; any such rights have been fully afforded upon the final institution decision. The Board of Regents reserves the right to change this policy at any time and to make such changes effective retroactively to any pending application.</p> <p><b>4.7 Student Appeals</b>  Student appeals of final decisions of University System of Georgia institutions are governed by the Board of Regents' Policy on Application for Discretionary Review.</p> <p><b>8.2.21 Employment Appeals</b>  Employee appeals of final decisions of University System of Georgia institutions are governed by the Board of Regents' Policy on Application for Discretionary Review.</p>	
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